

## Ruling on preferring 'Ali over 'Uthman:

The general view of Ahlâl Sunnâh wal Jamā'ah is that 'Uthmān ibn 'Affān رضي الله عنه is greater than 'Alī ibn Abī Tālib رضي الله عنه in Virtue, however if someone prefers 'Alī رضي الله عنه over 'Uthmān رضي الله عنه in "Virtue", that's not considered a "sin" or "misguidance".

HOWEVER, with regards to preferring 'Alī رضي الله عنه over 'Uthmān رضي الله عنه in the Khilāfah, then Shaykh al-Islām ibn Taymiyyāh رحمه الله تعالى said "He is more misguided than his family's donkey"

~ Notes from Shaykh Sulayman al-'Alwan.